

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
[X] Benton [ ] East St. Louis

[ ] INITIAL APPEARANCE [ ] ARRAIGNMENT [X] CHANGE OF PLEA [ ] PLEA TO INFORMATION

CRIMINAL NO: 22-cr-40007-JPG DATE: 7/13/2023 TIME: 20 minutes

USA vs MICHAEL E. PIERCE  
[X] Present [ ] Custody [X] Bond

JUDGE: J. Phil Gilbert, U.S. District Judge

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT: Ankoor Shah, AFD  
[X] Present [X] Appointed [ ] Retained [ ] Waived

REPORTER: Amy Richardson

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Tina Gray

GOVERNMENT COUNSEL: Casey E. A. Bloodworth, AUSA

[X] Defendant present.

[X] Defendant sworn.

[X] Indictment read to Defendant.

[X] Defendant advised of constitutional rights, nature of charge and possible penalties.

[X] Defendant withdraws plea of not guilty as to Count(s) 1 of the Indictment.

[X] Plea: [X] Guilty as to Count(s) 1 of the Indictment.  
[ ] Not Guilty as to Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_

[X] No Plea Agreement [ ] Plea Agreement [ ] Written

[X] Court accepts plea of guilty and adjudges defendant guilty.

[X] Matter referred to U.S. Probation for Presentence Investigation and Report.

[X] Disposition set on **October 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in Benton, Illinois before Judge J. Phil Gilbert.

[X] Bond continued until sentencing. While on bond, Defendant shall abide by the same terms and conditions set forth in the Order setting conditions of release.

[X] NOTE: No further notice will be given.